

**Sunday April 12, 2020**

Easter Sunday

**WELCOME**

**VU = Voices United Hymn Book**

**THE GATHERING**

**Welcome, Introduction and Announcements**

**Prelude:** Allemande

Handel

**Greeting:**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed. Hallelujah! Alleluia!**

**Call to Worship:**

Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed!**

This day God calls us

to be people of the resurrection!

Let us take our place in the procession

of all who have celebrated Christ's resurrection

through the centuries.

**Amen! Alleluia!**

**Let us live out the power of Christ raised from the dead.**

Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed!**

Let us worship God!

**Amen!**

**Hymn:** VU 155, Jesus Christ is Risen Today (1)

Jesus Christ is risen today, hallelujah!

Our triumphant holy day, hallelujah!

Who did once, upon the cross, hallelujah!

Suffer to redeem our loss. Hallelujah!

Hymns of praise then let us sing hallelujah!

Unto Christ, our heavenly King, hallelujah!

Who endured the cross and grave, hallelujah!

Sinners to redeem and save. Hallelujah!

But the pains which he endured, hallelujah!

Our salvation have procured; hallelujah!

Now above the sky he's King, hallelujah!

Where the angels ever sing. Hallelujah!

(2)

Sing we to our God above, hallelujah!

Praise eternal as God's love; hallelujah!

Praise our God, ye heavenly host, hallelujah!

Praise the Son and Holy Ghost. Hallelujah!

**Prayer of Approach:**

**Servant Christ,**

**help us to follow you out of the dark tomb,**

**to share daily your resurrection life,**

**to be renewed daily in your image of love,**

**to be used daily as your new Body**

**in your service to the world.**

**Servant Christ, help us to follow you.**

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**THE WORD OF THE LORD**

**Scripture:** O.T. page 565, Psalm 118: 21 – 27

<sup>21</sup> I thank you that you have answered me  
and have become my salvation.

<sup>22</sup> The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the chief cornerstone.

<sup>23</sup> This is the LORD's doing;  
it is marvelous in our eyes.

<sup>24</sup> This is the day that the LORD has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it. <sup>[a]</sup>

<sup>25</sup> Save us, we beseech you, O LORD!  
O LORD, we beseech you, give us success!

<sup>26</sup> Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD. <sup>[b]</sup>  
We bless you from the house of the LORD.

<sup>27</sup> The LORD is God,  
and he has given us light.  
Bind the festal procession with branches,  
up to the horns of the altar.

**Hymn:** VU 175, This Is the Day That God Has Made

**This is the day that God has made!**

**Rejoice! Rejoice, and be exceeding glad!**

**This is the day that God has made!**

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Hallelujah!**

Christ has conquered death at last,  
left the tomb that held him fast!

Gone the sorrow, gone the night,

dawns the morning clear and bright! R

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Jesus lives who once was dead,  
lives forever, as he said!  
Risen now our Saviour, King;  
songs of gladness let us sing! R

**Scripture:** N.T. page 54, Mark 16: 1 - 8

**The Resurrection of Jesus**

- <sup>1</sup> When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him.
- <sup>2</sup> And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb.
- <sup>3</sup> They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?"
- <sup>4</sup> When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back.
- <sup>5</sup> As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed.
- <sup>6</sup> But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him.
- <sup>7</sup> But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you."
- <sup>8</sup> So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

**Ministry of Music:** Majesty

arr. J. Rouse

**Sermon**

**RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

**Time of Offering**

**Prayers of the People**

**The Lord's Prayer:** Spoken

(1) Words: Nicole Berthet  
 (2) Words and Music: Natalie Sleeth, Hinshaw Music, Inc.  
 (3) Words: after Venantius Fortunatus ca. J. Ellerton, Hope Publishing  
 Music: Frances Ridley Havergal

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**SENDING FORTH**

**Closing Hymn:** VU 161, Welcome, Happy Morning (3)  
 Welcome, happy morning! age to age shall say;  
 hell today is vanquished, heaven is won today:  
 come then, True and Faithful, now fulfil your word;  
 this is your third morning: rise, O buried Lord!

**Welcome, happy morning! age to age shall say;  
 hell today is vanquished, heaven is won today!**

Earth with joyful welcome clothes itself for spring;  
 greets with life reviving our returning king:  
 flowers in every pasture, leaves on every bough,  
 speak of sorrows ended; Jesus triumphs now! R

Author and sustainer, source of life and breath;  
 you for our salvation trod the path of death:  
 Jesus Christ is living, God for evermore!  
 Now let all creation hail him and adore. R

Loose our souls imprisoned, bound with Satan's chain;  
 all that now is fallen, raise to life again!  
 Show your face in brightness, shine the  
 whole world through;  
 hope returns with daybreak, life returns with you. R

**Commissioning and Benediction**

**Postlude:** The Solid Rock

arr. M. Thallander

